Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Leanne Neuhauser served the Department of Agriculture for 19 years, from September 1988 to April 2007, working for five Department of Agriculture Secretaries: Marvis Hogan, Jay Swisher, Dean Anderson, Darrell Cruea and Larry Gabriel; and,

Whereas, Leanne is the oldest of six children and spent the early part of her childhood living behind a barbershop on Main Street in Kadoka where she learned many valuable life lessons from her parents of modest income, and has made an effort to pass on to her children: Be grateful for all you have, share all you can and love your family and friends with all your heart; and,

Whereas, Leanne graduated from Kadoka High School in 1969, and later attended Purdue University and Black Hills State University; and,

Whereas, Leanne married Randy Neuhauser in Kadoka, South Dakota, and their lives have been blessed with four children: Scott, Lori, Jennifer and Chelsea, a daughter-in-law, Corry, and granddaughter, Marisa; and,

Whereas, In 1988, Leanne made the difficult decision to temporarily leave her life on the ranch when she secured a position with the Department of Agriculture in order for her children to attend school in Pierre, and for 19 years, made the 65-mile drive to Pierre on Mondays and 65-mile drive back to the ranch on Fridays; and,

Whereas, Leanne and Randy's children, now graduated and gainfully employed, remind "mom" from time to time that "she can stay home now" and finally, after all these years, Leanne will retire in April and return to the Neuhauser Ranch & Deep Creek Elk Ranch located in rural Haakon County, where her heart has always been; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to thank Leanne on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and the state of South Dakota for her 19 years of employment with state government:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2007, as

LEANNE NEUHAUSER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends and colleagues in offering our congratulations.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State